



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 213

March 25, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives GRONEMUS, ALBERS, AINSWORTH, BOCK, DOBYNS, HARSDORF, HASENOHRL, KEDZIE, KREIBICH, LADWIG, OLSEN, OTTE and SERATTI, cosponsored by Senators CLAUSING and BUETTNER. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 12.05 of the statutes; **relating to:** false representations by  
2 candidates concerning reelection to office.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, no person may knowingly make or publish, or cause to be made or published, a false representation pertaining to a candidate or referendum which is intended or tends to affect voting at an election. Violators are subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both.

This bill provides that a violation of this law includes a representation that a person is a candidate for reelection to an office if the person is not an incumbent in that office and has not been elected to that office.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3 **SECTION 1.** 12.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **12.05 False representations affecting elections.** No person may  
5 knowingly make or publish, or cause to be made or published, a false representation  
6 pertaining to a candidate or referendum which is intended or tends to affect voting  
7 at an election. A violation of this section includes a representation that a person is

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1 a candidate for reelection to an office if the person is not an incumbent in that office

2 and has not been elected to that office.

3 (END)